



# Iowa General Assembly

## 2011 Committee Briefings

Legislative Services Agency – Legal Services Division

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### STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Meeting Dates:** [August 16, 2011](#)

**Purpose.** *This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <http://www.legis.iowa.gov>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.*

### STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 16, 2011

**Chairperson:** Senator Amanda Ragan

**Vice Chairperson:** Speaker Kraig Paulsen

**Overview.** The Studies Committee considered mandates and proposals for 2011 interim studies contained in legislation and other requests, and recommended the actions listed in this briefing. The recommendations were approved by the Legislative Council.

**Studies Deadline.** The deadline for completion of the 2011 interim studies is November 28, 2011.

**2011 Interim Studies.** Studies were authorized for the 2011 interim with the indicated number of members and meeting days to address the following topics:

#### Statutory Committees

##### **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** (Code Sections 2.45(5) and 2.48)

**Charge:** The Committee is a permanent body under the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year, and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The first scheduled review is in 2011.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1

##### **State Government Efficiency Review Committee** (Code Section 2.69)

**Charge:** The Committee is a permanent legislative committee with five Senate and five House members appointed by legislative leaders at the beginning of a new General Assembly. The Committee is required to meet as directed by the Legislative Council, at least every two years, to review state government organization and efficiency options and receive state government efficiency suggestions offered by the public and public employees. The first report is due January 2013.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1

##### **Public Retirement Systems Committee** (Code Section 97D.4)

**Charge:** The Committee is a permanent legislative committee that is required to review and evaluate all public retirement systems in place in Iowa, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (Code Chapter 411), the Department of Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement System (PORS), and the Judicial Retirement System. The Committee typically meets during the legislative interim of odd-numbered years.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** 2

##### **State Fish and Game Protection Fund Study Committee** (2011 Iowa Acts, S.F. 509, Section 18)

**Charge:** Review the expenditures from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund by the Department of Natural Resources.

**Members:** 3 Senate/3 House

**Meeting Days:** 1

#### **Other Interim Studies**

**Inmate Geriatric and Psychiatric Patients Study Committee** (2011 Iowa Acts, S.F. 510, Section 24)

**Charge:** Examine treatment and placement options for inmate geriatric and psychiatric patients who are under the care, custody, and control of the state, or for patients who are otherwise housed at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center at Oakdale or other correctional facilities for geriatric or psychiatric treatment. A related study by the departments of Corrections, Human Services, Inspections and Appeals, and Public Health required by 2011 Iowa Acts, S.F. 510, Section 25, is to be submitted to the Study Committee by November 15, 2011.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** 2

**Mental Health and Disability Services Study Committee** (2011 Iowa Acts, S.F. 525, Section 1)

**Charge:** Review publicly supported mental health and disability services. The Study Committee shall closely engage with, monitor, and propose legislation concerning the recommendations and proposals developed by the workgroups implemented by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and other bodies addressed by 2011 Iowa Acts, S.F. 525. The legislators serving on the interim committee and other interested legislators are authorized to participate in the meetings of the workgroups and subcommittees addressed by the legislation. In addition to the workgroup recommendations, the Study Committee shall address property tax issues, devise a means of ensuring the state maintains its funding commitments for the redesigned services system, recommend revisions in the requirements for mental health professionals who are engaged in the involuntary commitment and examination processes under Code Chapter 229, recommend revisions to the Code Chapter 230A amendments contained in S.F. 525 as necessary to conform with the system redesign proposed by the Study Committee, develop proposed legislation for amending Code references to mental retardation to instead refer to intellectual disabilities, and consider issues posed by the July 1, 2013, repeals of county disability services administration and funding provisions in 2011 Iowa Acts, S.F. 209. In addressing the repeal provisions, the Study Committee shall consider all funding sources for replacing the county authority to levy for adult disability services.

**Members:** 6 Senate/6 House

**Meeting Days:** 3

**Lake Macbride Study Committee**

**Charge:** Review requirements and make recommendations pertaining to the use of motorboats on Lake Macbride.

**Members:** 3 Senate/3 House

**Meeting Days:** 1

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